

## COALING SHIPS DESPITE ICE JAM

New York, Jan. 22.—No essential ship in New York harbor is being prevented from sailing for lack of fuel, according to J. E. Parsons, coal expert detailed by the United States shipping board to supervise the bunkering of vessels here. He said that of 213 ships awaiting coal in this port a week ago, but eighty-one, none of them "vital to the needs of the allies," remained to be coaled today.

New York, Jan. 22.—In the face of the worst ice jam in New York harbor in many years encouraging headway had been made in coaling ships during the five fruitless days ending today. A week ago there were 213 ships tied up at docks, while early today there were only 21. Thirteen large steamships were supplied with bunker coal yesterday, and transportation officials expected that many more steamers would be bunkered before night.

In spite of an unexpected setback, due to a misunderstanding of orders, whereby thousands of truckmen stopped work at noon yesterday or did not work at all, some progress was noticed in relieving the freight congestion. Transportation officials anticipated marked improvement in the next few days unless severe weather disarranges carefully-made plans.

**Pleased With Results.**  
Many of the city's industries resumed business today, having been closed on the first of the "heatless and workless" Mondays, but a large army of wage earners had another day of enforced idleness in obedience to the orders of the national fuel administration. Local fuel administrators expressed themselves as well pleased with the results obtained by yesterday's shut down. The number of violations reported was much smaller than administrators expected.

## DETROIT JEWELRY STORE LOOTED BY THREE BANDITS

Detroit, Jan. 22.—Three bandits entered the jewelry store of Ralph Dewey, in the downtown district, this forenoon, bound W. R. Grainger, the manager, and escaped with valuables said to be worth \$80,000.  
No customers were in the store when the bandits entered. Grainger quickly was overpowered, beaten and dragged into a back room. The bandits got away with cash, diamonds and other jewelry.

## RECRUIT LABOR FOR SHIP YARDS

Washington, Jan. 22.—Recruiting of workers for shipyards was turned over today by the shipping board and the council of national defense to the United States employment service of the labor department. Centralization of effort to obtain ship workers is expected to eliminate "the present evils due to the rush of workmen to places where they are not needed and to jobs for which they are not fitted and which they cannot hold."

Much confusion and suffering have been caused by careless statements as to "shipyard needs," says a statement by the labor department. "Published estimates of the numbers of men who will be wanted have been misinterpreted as meaning that great numbers are wanted now, whereas they are wanted only in limited quantities and of particular types at any one time."

"Men should stick to the jobs where they are until the department of labor tells them there is a shipbuilding position awaiting."  
"Employers of labor, even in the so-called non-essential industries will be helped by the success of the public service reserve and the employment service because a large registration will make it possible for the department of labor to make a fair distribution of all calls for men and to minimize and equalize the drain on industries which results from unregulated competition for men between war industries and different branches of the government."

## RADIO MAKES POSSIBLE DAILY WORD WITH ITALY

Washington, Jan. 22.—Direct radio communication between an Italian government station in Rome and the Arlington station here has been successfully established and is being used daily for communications passing between the two governments and between their diplomatic representatives and foreign offices. The daily statements of the Italian war office will be received by radio from Rome and issued here for publication in the United States.

## PAN-GERMANS HINT AT VON MUELLER'S WITHDRAWAL

Amsterdam, Jan. 22.—According to the Volks Zeitung of Leipzig, the pan-Germans are hinting at the impending resignation of Vice-Admiral Von Mueller, chief of Emperor William's naval cabinet. The newspaper says that, like Prof. Von Valentini, chief of the emperor's civil cabinet, who resigned recently, Vice-Admiral Von Mueller is not in harmony with the pan-Germans. He is said to favor an understanding with England.

## FREIGHT HANDLERS END STRIKE AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Jan. 22.—The strike of about one hundred negro freight handlers here employed by contractors in the trans-shipment of 25,000 bags of Cuban sugar destined for points north and east was settled today, according to an announcement by the contractor, and the men resumed loading the sugar on freight cars. The laborers went on strike yesterday when their demand for an increase of ten cents an hour was refused.

## DUKE EUGENE WITHDRAWN; ENEMY TACTICS CHANGED

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Jan. 21.—(By the Associated Press).—Gen. Sforza Borroevic has been appointed to succeed the Archduke Eugene in command of the entire enemy front against Italy and it is believed that the change may have a considerable effect on the campaign.  
Gen. Borroevic's tactics on the Italian front have been uniformly defensive, rarely offensive. For two years on the Isonzo front he maintained a defensive and took the offensive only when German reinforcements compelled an advance. Since the formation of the new Five line his policy has been chiefly defensive.  
The appointment of Gen. Borroevic is construed as confirming reports that the enemy proposes to maintain a defensive attitude on the Italian front for the present.

## SETTLEMENT IRISH QUESTION CERTAIN

**Resignation of Sir Edward Carson Lends Color to Report.**

London, Jan. 22.—The resignation of Sir Edward Carson from the war cabinet lends color to the report that the government has decided to bring about a settlement of the Irish question. Had Sir Edward remained in the cabinet he would have been compelled to choose between his loyalty to the government and to his Ulster unionist followers. This he has avoided by resigning and now he has a free hand.

During the short recess which the convention has taken Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of the convention and other Irishmen who have worked so hard for a settlement, are making a last effort to see to it that their labors shall not be wasted. In this they have the unstinted support of Premier Lloyd George.  
The Evening Telegraph of Belfast says that Lieut.-Col. James Craig, member of the house of commons and one of the Ulster leaders, has resigned as lord treasurer of the household.

## MINERS REFUSE TO WORK; OUTPUT COAL CURTAILED

Washington, Jan. 22.—Heavy snows over the entire east today compelled the abandonment of scores of passenger train schedules, but locomotives so released were diverted to coal traffic.

All reports reaching the fuel and railroad administrations indicated coal moving to Atlantic seaboard in adequate quantities to bunker ships and to cities where domestic supplies were low.  
The fuel administration declared plenty of empty cars were being delivered to coal regions, and that loading was going ahead steadily. Many mines' output was restricted today, however, by refusal of miners to work or illness caused by cold weather.

## SEN. STONE HAS SEVERED NATION'S UNITY—WARREN

Columbus, O., Jan. 22.—"The violent part of an attack reads that unity which has made possible everything the president has asked; it will not be so from now on," declared United States Senator Warren G. Harding, referring to Senator Stone's political speech yesterday, in a statement given out here today at a meeting of the republican state central and advisory committee.

## REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE TO BE COMPOSED OF WOMEN

Washington, Jan. 22.—A subcommittee of the republican national executive committee, meeting here today, voted to recommend to the national committee, which meets at St. Louis Feb. 12, the continuation of the 1916 campaign committee, which includes six progressives, and the creation of an advisory committee to the national committee, which will be composed of women and to recommend to the advisory committee of the 1916 campaign be invited to meet with the national committee.

## WEATHER HAMPER WORK OF CLEARING CONGESTION

Washington, Jan. 22.—Large supplies of coal were moving freely to eastern householders and transatlantic shipping interests today as the result of the fuel administration's closing order, but clearing of railroad congestion still was hampered by unfavorable weather conditions. With manufacturing plants east of the Mississippi facing the fifth day of the shut down and reports here indicating that the first heavy Monday had been strictly observed, Fuel Administrator Garfield declined to say whether an extension of the closing period would be necessary.

## PHOSPHATE PLANT BURNS; BELIEVE BOMB WAS CAUSE

Nashville, Jan. 22.—A Columbia (Tenn.) special says that the phosphate plant of the International Agricultural corporation was destroyed by fire at Mount Pleasant Sunday night. O. L. Dortch, of Columbia, superintendent, declares the fire could not have originated from natural causes. Mount Pleasant people ascribe it to a time bomb placed by an enemy sympathizer. The loss was \$12,000 to \$15,000, covered by insurance. The plant supplied phosphate to twelve fertilizer factories over the country, this fact giving the fire its serious aspect.

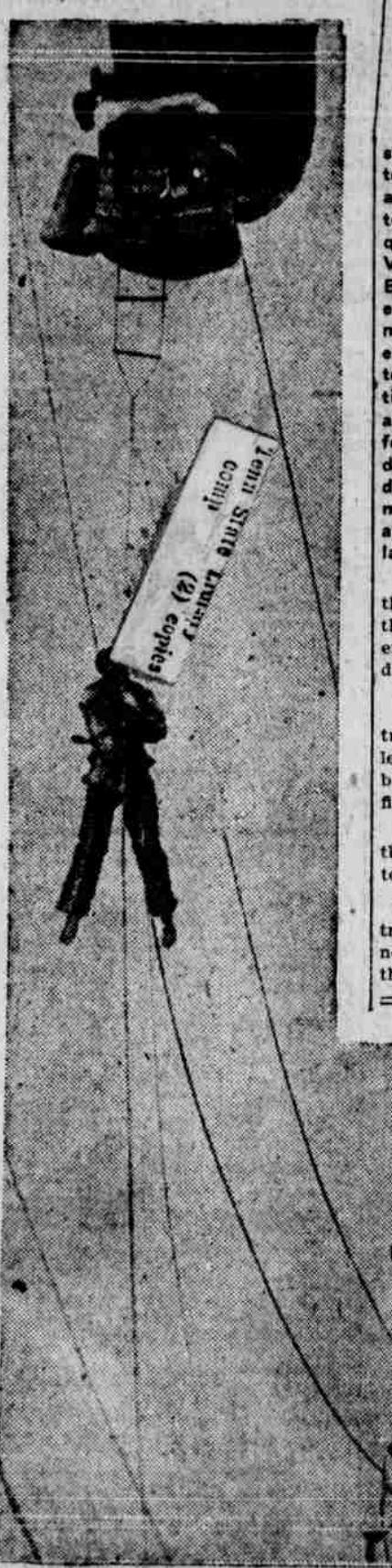
## FRANCE CHARTERS ENEMY SHIPS HELD BY BRAZIL

Washington, Jan. 22.—The thirty German ships seized by Brazil when it entered the war have been chartered by the French government for war purposes. The vessels represent an aggregate of about 120,000 gross tons.

## JOHN F. NUGENT NAMED UNITED STATES SENATOR

Boise, Ida., Jan. 22.—John F. Nugent, of Boise, was today appointed United States senator by Gov. Alexander to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Brady. The appointment will hold until a successor is named in November.

## DESCENDING TO DECK OF TRAWLER



An unusual snapshot, showing a French observer descending from his post in a sausage balloon to the deck of a trawler, to which his balloon is attached. Below can be seen the men on the deck of the trawler helping him in his descent.

## ICE FLOES CHOKED THE MISSISSIPPI

**Packet Georgia Lee and Numerous Other Craft Sunk When Gorge Gives Way.**

Memphis, Jan. 22.—With five boats, valued at more than \$150,000, and shipping and docks between this city and Cairo, Ill., generally endangered, conditions along the Mississippi river north of Memphis today were reported the most serious in years, owing to the accumulation of ice floes, which have choked that stream at half a dozen points.

The excursion steamer DeSoto, the freight and passenger packet Georgia Lee and three government boats, the towboat Graham, a quarterboat and a grader, all wooden-hull boats, unable to withstand the pounding of the huge ice floes which swept down the river when gorges at Richardson's Landing, fifty miles north of this city, gave way yesterday, were sunk and under the battering of the ice, it is feared, will be badly damaged, if not torn to pieces. The largest of the boats, the DeSoto, was one of the few side-wheel steamboats remaining on the Mississippi river. The DeSoto, valued at \$50,000, and the Georgia Lee, valued at \$30,000, were owned by the Lee line of Memphis. The Georgia Lee recently plied between Memphis and Rosedale, Miss. The Graham was valued at \$27,000, and the grader at \$37,000.

In addition, several coal barges were torn from their moorings here, and other craft was damaged.

Reports from Richardson's Landing this morning said the gorge there had again formed and is said to extend a distance of fifteen miles above that point. Another large gorge was reported at Columbus, Ky.

## AUSTRALIAN WHEAT CROP TOTAL 26,500,000 BUSHELS

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—A dispatch received by Reuters' agency from Adelaide says South Australia's wheat crop this year is estimated at 26,500,000 bushels, or 15,500,000 bushels below that of last year. This estimate, made by the government, attributes the decrease in production to the smaller area sown and the excess of rainy, unfavorable weather just after the sowing season.

## BOATS WARNED TO BE ON ALERT FOR FLOATING ICE

New Orleans, Jan. 22.—Dr. I. M. Cline, district forecaster, today issued a warning to all boats below Vicksburg, south to the mouth of the Red river, to be on the alert for floating ice in the Mississippi and to seek safe harbor during the passage of the ice down stream.

## AUSTRIAN LABOR'S CRY FOR PEACE FAILS TO EXCITE WAR LORDS

Austria-Hungary will continue to strive for a general peace, but on the answer previously offered. This is the answer given the leaders of discontented Austrian workmen, who have quit work to demand peace, by Dr. Von Seydler, the Austrian premier, Emperor Charles, he said, desired to end the war at the earliest possible moment. No new peace terms were enunciated and the labor leaders were told that responsibility for continuation of the war rests upon the entente allies, who had refused Austria's offers. All plans for territorial aggrandizement as a result of the war were disclaimed, by the premier. Other ministers promised electoral reforms and a relaxation of the rigid military law.

The labor leaders then called upon their comrades to resume work, but the latest information is that the general strike is still in progress, with disorders at some places.

Resignation of the Austrian ministry, most probably that of Von Seydler, is reported by a Berlin newspaper, but there is no press or official confirmation.

Count Von Toggenburg, minister of the interior, is said to have been asked to form a new cabinet.

Importance is attached to the Austrian political situation by London newspapers, some of which believe that the government is aiding the

workmen's propaganda for peace in the hope of influencing the Brest-Litovsk negotiations. The fact that the Austrian government permitted full reports of the meeting between the labor leaders and the ministry to leave the country is looked upon as significant.

Dr. Von Seydler indicated no lessening of the demands on Russia, and a German newspaper reports that unless the Russians accept the offer of the central powers the peace negotiations will be broken off. The conferences at Brest-Litovsk have been suspended until Jan. 23, as Foreign Minister Troitzky, head of the Russian delegation, has gone to Petrograd for consultation with his government.

A most complete military inactivity persists on the fronts in France and Italy. On the Macedonian front Bulgarian troops have attacked the French positions west of the Vardar heavily. The efforts came after violent artillery preparation and the Bulgarians were able to enter the French trenches at only one point, from which they were thrown out immediately by Greek troops. A serious break in the entente line west of the Vardar might have important results, Berlin reports that the Bulgarians were successful in patrol engagements.

British political circles are discussing the resignation from the war cabinet of Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Ulster unionists, on account of the Irish situation. It has been expected that the Irish convention which has been discussing plans for home rule in Ireland would make its report shortly. Sir Edward has been the leader of the opposition to any home rule plan which would include Ulster.

## WILLIAM J. BRYAN VISITS BIRMINGHAM

**One of Speakers at Antislavery League Conference—Founder of Movement Attends.**

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 22.—Superintendents of the anti-slavery league in all southern states are gathering here today for a conference at which plans are to be made for a campaign throughout the south in the interests of the national prohibition amendment.

Among the leaders of national importance who are attending the conference are Dr. P. A. Baker, superintendent of the Anti-Slavery League of America, Dr. Howard H. Russell, founder of the antislavery league movement in Alabama, and Dr. J. W. Williams, minister at the Southern church, at which Mr. Bryan is also expected to deliver an address, has been planned for this afternoon.

William J. Bryan is expected to address a public meeting at the central high school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock. The federal amendment campaign will be vigorously pushed in the winter at the Southern church, at which Mr. Bryan is also expected to deliver an address, has been planned for this afternoon.

## PREPARES NOTE TO ALLIES AGAIN

**Troitzky Returns to Petrograd. Peace Negotiations at Brest-Litovsk Are Postponed.**

Petrograd, Jan. 21.—The peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk have been postponed for a few days. Foreign Minister Troitzky is again in Petrograd, and, according to evening newspapers, is preparing another note to the entente allies.

## PERSHING REPORTS FOUR CASUALTIES IN RANKS

Washington, Jan. 22.—Gen. Pershing yesterday reported the following casualties:  
Private Joseph Bonner, engineer, Jan. 10, pneumonia; mother, Sara Bonner, box No. 6, Evansville, N. C.  
Private Leroy Walker, labor company, quartermaster corps, Jan. 17, pneumonia; mother, Jeannette Washington, Mowata, Ia.  
Private Roland F. McArthur, marines, Jan. 19, cerebro-spinal meningitis; mother, Mrs. Irene Jessie McArthur, Carthage, N. C.  
Seaman Paris Athanasios, United States transport, drowned Jan. 17; emergency address unknown.

## CHICAGO'S SUGAR SUPPLY PRACTICALLY EXHAUSTED

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Chicago's sugar supply is practically exhausted, it developed this afternoon, owing to the recent snow blockade of railroads and the imperative necessity for moving coal ahead of all other commodities. Hundreds of grocers had no supplies and only a few of the wholesalers had any. One department store advertised a pound to each customer and at 1 o'clock this afternoon there was a line two blocks long trying to reach the counter.

The shortage has been creeping on the public for several days, but there was no stampede to hoard, as interest was centered in the fuel situation. Present supplies have been coming from the western beet sugar factories and the shortage is due to the blockade of the railroads. In food administration circles it was understood that cars blocked west of here would be moved on a preferential schedule second only to coal.

## COLD WAVE, SAYS BILLY P.

If those "bad boys" would only snow when instead of "wild oats" we might not have to cut the staff of life down to a swigger stick. I wonder if the Kaiser has anything to do with this weather?  
Tonight? Fair and colder. The cold wave flag is flying. Down to 10 above by Wednesday morning. My pipes can't freeze—they're past that.

## DUTCH SHIPS CAPTURED BY GERMAN WAR VESSELS

Copenhagen, Jan. 22.—The capture by German warships of the Dutch steamship Luna, 1,260 tons gross, from Holland for Sweden with a cargo of sugar, is reported in a Stockholm dispatch to the National Tidende. The Luna was taken into Swinemunde.

## SOON SILENCED CHINESE REBELS

**Commander U. S. Vessel Returned Fire—Daniels Gives Out Statement.**

## U. S. GUNBOAT FIRED ON IN CHINESE WATERS

Peking, Friday, Jan. 18.—The attack yesterday on the American gunboat Monocacy, in which one sailor was killed and two others wounded, was made near Kien-Lih-Sien and occurred without warning. The attackers hid behind a dike on the north bank of the Yangtze Kiang. The gunboat returned the fire, but with what result is not known. Afterward the Monocacy proceeded to Hankow.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The commander of the American gunboat fired upon by Chinese rebels reported today that he returned the fire and silenced it.

Secretary Daniels gave out the following:

"On Jan. 17, at 9 a.m., the United States gunboat Monocacy, while cruising about fifty miles above Yochow, on the Yangtze Kiang river, was fired on by entrenched Chinese and was hit a number of times. H. L. O'Brien, chief yeoman, was fatally injured and W. N. Donnelly, seaman, slightly wounded. The fire was returned by the Monocacy and silenced."

"It is believed that the Chinese were bandits."

The foregoing is a paraphrase of the official report from the commander of the gunboat.

## ATTACKS ARE FREQUENT.

Peking, Jan. 19.—Reporting to the American legation on the attack upon the Monocacy, the American consul at Hankow urges concerted action by American and British war vessels to assure the safety of traffic on the Yangtze Kiang. Whereas foreign vessels heretofore have been the objectives of snipers, the consul points out, the Monocacy was the target of a well directed attack. The volleys began fifteen seconds after the first shot was fired and continued until the return fire drove off the attacking forces.

At least six foreign merchantmen and two war vessels have recently been attacked.

## BIRMINGHAM DESERTER GETS TEN YEARS OF LABOR

Macon, Ga., Jan. 22.—Convicted of desertion and breaking arrest, Private Edward F. McPherson, of Birmingham, Ala., has been sentenced to serve ten years at hard labor at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The findings of a general court-martial were approved today by Gen. John L. Hayden, commander of the Dixie division, at Camp Wheeler, with the exception of a provision that the soldier be discharged from the army at the expiration of his term.

McPherson was found guilty of deserting while he was stationed at Camp Wheeler on the night of Oct. 1, last. He was arrested in Birmingham on Nov. 21. He was under arrest when he deserted, according to the charges.

German newspaper reports that Dr. von Seydler, the Austrian premier, has resigned and that Dr. Wackerle, the Hungarian premier, has determined to retire next month, are not supported by any official announcements.

## DU PONT COMPANY ERECTS PLANT AT \$10,000,000 COST

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 22.—The Dupont Powder company, it was stated today, is erecting a large shell loading plant at Williamsburg, Va., to execute orders for the federal government. The capacity of the plant will be determined by the estimated extent of the demands, and will be kept equal to them at all times. The construction of homes for workmen, which may reach the proportions of a large village, is included in the operations. The total cost, it is said, will not be less than \$10,000,000.

## EXEMPT FARM PRODUCTS FROM NON-ESSENTIALS

Washington, Jan. 22.—Director-General McAdoo today advised the department of agriculture that the railroad administration had no intention of issuing any list of nonessentials from farm products, and that, to the contrary, plans now being laid would provide adequate transportation facilities for all farm products of the country.

## ENEMY RAIDS REPULSED.

London, Jan. 22.—Attempted enemy raids last night east of Ypres were repulsed, the war office reports. Otherwise the night was quiet on the whole front.

## BERLIN REPORTS RAID A FAILURE

Berlin, Jan. 22.—(Via London).—British raiding parties on the Flanders front were driven off yesterday, army headquarters announced today. Meanwhile artillery remained active along the Flanders lines east of Ypres during the day and a considerable part of the night.

French parties which attacked near Four De Paris, in the Argonne, after artillery preparation, were repulsed by the German fire and in hand-to-hand combat.

## DUAL MONARCHY FACING CRISIS

London, Jan. 22.—The strike movement which assumed such menacing dimensions in Austria Sunday, was virtually ended Monday morning, when strikers either resumed work or held meetings at which a decision was reached to go back to their tasks today, according to news agency dispatches from Switzerland. Before this, however, the strike and food demonstration had spread throughout the whole empire, including Galicia, and had everywhere assumed a political character with the demand for peace taking precedence over everything else.

On Sunday evening, according to a wireless press dispatch from Bern, disorderly scenes took place when hunger marchers were organized and a number of shops looted in Vienna. One crowd attempted to cut its way toward the imperial palace but was driven back by the guard. In other parts of the city, the advance state, the police were unable to handle the mobs which ran riot.

## Confers With Emperor.

Count Bernini, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister who had returned from the peace parley at Brest-Litovsk, had a conference with Emperor Charles on Monday, following which two high officials of the foreign office were sent to Berlin. The government now has the support of the more moderate socialists in its effort to quiet the population but the radical wing, according to the Neue Presse Nachrichten, is making further demands, such as the release of Dr. Friedrich Adler, who is serving a life sentence for killing Count Karl Starobinski, Austrian premier, in October, 1916.

London, Jan. 22.—Austria-Hungary's cry for peace, accompanied apparently by a condition of impatient revolt, is featured by the morning newspapers as a fact that is hurrying the dual monarchy to a crisis. Long dispatches from Amsterdam show that the workers have become desperate because of lack of food and general weariness.

There is an evident connection of the strike movement with the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, which have encouraged the socialists to insist that the war shall not be prolonged merely for the purpose of territorial aggression.

While most newspapers here attach the greatest importance to the upheaval and some infer that the Austrian government is encouraging the movement in a genuine endeavor to promote peace, the fact that the censorship has permitted reports to be telegraphed from Vienna with unwelcome freedom, suggests to some commentators that there may be a deliberate purpose behind the license allowed in the press.

## Refuse to Fire on Crowds.

The Daily Mail, for instance, suggests that it may be a case of shaming death to impress the labor parties of the entente countries with the idea that Austria is ready to accept a bolshevik peace. Reports from Switzerland mention the arrest of peace demonstrators at some places in Austria. Clashes between hungry civilians and soldiers are reported, while in some instances it is said the soldiers refused to fire on the demonstrators when ordered to do so. At Graz, where the trouble is acute, the soldiers abandoned their loaded machine guns to the rioters.

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